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Title : PROCESS FOR THE INDUSTRIAL SYNTHESIS OF  
TETRAESTERS OF 5-[BIS(CARBOXYMETHYL)AMINO]-  
3-CARBOXYMETHYL-4-CYANO-2-  
THIOPHENECARBOXYLIC ACID, AND APPLICATION  
TO THE SYNTHESIS OF BIVALENT SALTS OF  
RANELIC ACID AND THEIR HYDRATES

Art Unit : 1626

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